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RECORD \$14 MILLION SPRING MEET STAKES SCHEDULE AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

- ***Steven Foster Day Moved to Closing Day on Saturday, June 27, Features Seven Stakes Races***
- ***New Seven-Stakes Stephen Foster Preview Night Created for Saturday, May 30***
- ***Action-Packed Schedule Includes Seven New Stakes Events***
- ***13 Stakes Races Receive Purse Hikes***
- ***Derby Week Features 18 Stakes Events That Total \$10.18 Million***

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020) – A repositioning of the Stephen Foster to closing day and the creation of a new Stephen Foster Preview Night midway through the meet highlight a record 41-race, \$14 million stakes schedule for the upcoming 38-day Spring Meet at Churchill Downs that runs April 25-June 27.

Additionally, there are seven newly-created stakes races for the action-packed, nine-week season, and 13 Spring Meet stakes staples received purse hikes that range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

“It’s extremely gratifying to continue to supercharge purses through our investment into historical racing machines and watch the overall growth of the Churchill Downs and Kentucky horse racing and breeding product,” said Churchill Downs Racetrack President Kevin Flanery. “We’ve meaningfully raised purses in the last year and the results were an extremely competitive racing product with more entries and high-quality horses that appealed to bettors nationwide. We believe this exciting new ‘big event’ series created by our racing team will help keep the momentum moving forward and be embraced around the country by both horsemen and horseplayers alike.”

The 1 1/8-mile Stephen Foster (Grade II), which annually attracts some of the nation’s top older horses, received a \$100,000 boost to \$700,000 and was moved back two weeks on the calendar to closing day, Saturday, June 27. The race anchors a seven-race stakes bonanza that totals \$1.85 million and includes the \$300,000 Fleur de Lis (GII) for fillies and mares and \$300,000 Wise Dan (GII) for turf horses.

New on the blockbuster closing day lineup are two one-mile turf stakes for 3-year-olds each worth \$150,000, the open company War Chant (named for the 2000 Breeders’ Cup Mile winner at Churchill Downs) and Tepin (named for the Churchill Downs-based 2015-16 Champion Female Turf Horse) for fillies. The \$125,000 Bashford Manor (GIII) and \$125,000 Debutante (Listed) also will be run that day for 2-year-olds and 2-year-old fillies, respectively. All races that day will be run during an afternoon program with a 12:45 p.m. ET first post.

In turn, Churchill Downs has created a new Stephen Foster Preview Night on Saturday, May 30 that will feature seven stakes events cumulatively worth \$975,000 in conjunction with Downs After Dark presented by Budweiser under the lights at 6 p.m. ET. The new \$150,000 Blame (2010 Breeders’ Cup Classic winner at Churchill Downs) at 1 1/8 miles comes four weeks after \$400,000 Alysheba (GII) on Kentucky Oaks Day and four weeks in advance of the repositioned Stephen Foster.

Other new stakes that night are the \$150,000 Shawnee for fillies and mares at 1 1/16 miles; \$150,000 Audubon for 3-year-olds at 1 1/8 miles on turf; and \$100,000 Douglas Park Overnight Stakes for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles on turf. The evening program also will include the \$150,000 Matt Winn (GIII), \$150,000 Regret (GIII) and \$125,000 Aristides (Listed).

Derby Week (April 25-May 2) kicks off the 146th Spring Meet in style with 18 stakes events that total a record \$10.18 million over the six-day stretch, culminating with the 146th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 2.

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Derby Day again features seven stakes events, including four Grade I events: the Derby; \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic; \$500,000 Churchill Downs and \$500,000 Derby City Distaff (formerly known as the Humana Distaff). The other three Grade II events each received \$100,000 increases: the \$500,000 Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile; \$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU; and \$500,000 American Turf.

One day earlier, Churchill Downs will host the Derby's female counterpart, the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) at 1 1/8 miles – the nation's most lucrative race for 3-year-old fillies. The six stakes that day total \$3 million.

The significant increases in stakes prize money are attributed to returns from state-of-the-art historical racing machines at Derby City Gaming, Churchill Downs Incorporated's \$65 million facility that opened September 2018 at nearby 4520 Poplar Level Road. Last year's 34-race stakes scheduled totaled more than \$12 million. Two years ago, a 32-race stakes lineup was worth \$8.8 million.

More than \$32 million in total prize money is expected to be offered during this year's Spring Meet. The first condition book of scheduled races is being finalized by Vice President of Racing Ben Huffman and is expected to be published in early March. Stall applications are due by Friday, March 6.

New Stakes Races

- \$150,000 Blame for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles on Saturday, May 30
- \$150,000 Shawnee for fillies and mares at 1 1/16 miles on Saturday, May 30
- \$150,000 Audubon for 3-year-olds at 1 1/8 miles on turf on Saturday, May 30
- \$100,000 Douglas Park Overnight Stakes for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles on turf on Saturday, May 30
- \$150,000 Limousine Liberal for 3-year-olds at six furlongs on Saturday, June 20
- \$150,000 War Chant for 3-year-olds at one mile on turf on Saturday, June 27
- \$150,000 Tepin for 3-year-old fillies at one mile on turf on Saturday, June 27

Repositioned Stakes Races

- Matt Winn up two weeks to Saturday, May 30
- Regret up two weeks to Saturday, May 30
- Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes back one week to Saturday, June 6
- Old Forester Mint Julep back one week to Saturday, June 13
- Stephen Foster back two weeks to Saturday, June 27
- Fleur de Lis back two weeks to Saturday, June 27
- Wise Dan back two weeks to Saturday, June 27

Upgraded Stakes by American Graded Stakes Committee

- Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank from Grade III to Grade II
- Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU from Grade III to Grade II

Stakes Races Increased by \$100,000

- \$500,000 Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile (GII) for fillies and mares at one mile on turf on Saturday, May 2
- \$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU (GII) for 3-year-olds at one mile on Saturday, May 2
- \$500,000 American Turf (GII) for 3-year-olds at 1 1/16 miles on Saturday, May 2
- \$700,000 Stephen Foster (GII) for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles on Saturday, June 27

Stakes Races Increased by \$50,000

- \$300,000 Eight Belles presented by Smithfield (GII) for 3-year-old fillies at seven furlongs on Friday, May 1
- \$300,000 Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank (GII) for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles on turf on Friday, May 1
- \$300,000 Fleur de Lis (GII) for fillies and mares at 1 1/16 miles on Saturday, June 27
- \$300,000 Wise Dan (GII) for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles on turf on Saturday, June 27

Stakes Races Increased by \$25,000

- \$150,000 William Walker (Listed) for 3-year-olds at five furlongs on turf on Saturday, April 27
- \$150,000 Kentucky Juvenile for 2-year-olds at five furlongs on Wednesday, April 29
- \$150,000 Unbridled Sidney for fillies and mares at 5 ½ furlongs on turf on "Thurby," April 30
- \$125,000 Louisville (GIII) for 4-year-olds and up at 1 ½ miles on turf on Saturday, May 16
- \$125,000 Winning Colors (GIII) for fillies and mares at six furlongs on Saturday, May 23

2020 CHURCHILL DOWNS SPRING MEET STAKES SCHEDULE

41 stakes races (includes eight overnight stakes) cumulatively worth \$14.03 million

Day/Date	Running	Grade	Purse	Race	Age/Sex	Distance	Surface
Opening Night Presented By Budweiser							
Saturday, April 25	6 th	Listed	\$150,000	William Walker	3yo	5 F	Turf
Champions Day Presented By TwinSpires.com							
Tuesday, April 28	2 nd		\$115,000	Champions Day Marathon Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 ½ M	Dirt
Wednesday, April 29	27 th		\$150,000	Kentucky Juvenile	2yo	5 F	Dirt
Thurby Presented By Old Forester							
Thursday, April 30	10 th		\$150,000	Unbridled Sidney	3&cup f/m	5 ½ F	Turf
Thursday, April 30	15 th		\$115,000	Opening Verse Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 M	Turf
Longines Kentucky Oaks Day							
Six stakes races cumulatively worth \$3 million							
Friday, May 1	146 th	I	\$1,250,000	Longines Kentucky Oaks	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Friday, May 1	35 th	I	\$500,000	La Troienne presented by United Card Events by Chase	4&cup f/m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 1	17 th	II	\$400,000	Alysheba	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 1	65 th	II	\$300,000	Eight Belles presented by Smithfield	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Friday, May 1	36 th	II	\$300,000	Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Turf
Friday, May 1	26 th	II	\$250,000	Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco	3&cup	5 ½ F	Turf
Kentucky Derby Day Presented by Woodford Reserve							
Seven stakes races cumulatively worth \$6.5 million							
Saturday, May 2	146 th	I	\$3,000,000	Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve	3yo	1 ¼ M	Dirt
Saturday, May 2	34 th	I	\$1,000,000	Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 2	86 th	I	\$500,000	Churchill Downs	4&cup	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 2	34 th	I	\$500,000	Derby City Distaff	4&cup f/m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 2	35 th	II	\$500,000	Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	4&cup f/m	1 M	Turf
Saturday, May 2	96 th	II	\$500,000	Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU	3yo	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 2	29 th	II	\$500,000	American Turf	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, May 9	2 nd		\$100,000	Mamzelle Overnight Stakes	3yo f	5 F	Turf
Preakness Stakes Simulcast							
Saturday, May 16	83 rd	III	\$125,000	Louisville	4&cup	1 ½ M	Turf
Saturday, May 23	17 th	III	\$125,000	Winning Colors	4&cup f/m	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 23	8 th		\$100,000	Keertana Overnight Stakes	4&cup f/m	1 ½ M	Turf
Stephen Foster Preview Night / Downs After Dark Presented By Budweiser							
Seven stakes races cumulatively worth \$975,000							
Saturday, May 30	23 rd	III	\$150,000	Matt Winn	3yo	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 30	51 st	III	\$150,000	Regret	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 30	1 st		\$150,000	Blame	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 30	1 st		\$150,000	Shawnee	4&cup f/m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 30	1 st		\$150,000	Audubon	3yo	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 30	32 nd	Listed	\$125,000	Aristides	4&cup	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 30	1 st		\$100,000	Douglas Park Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Belmont Stakes Simulcast							
Saturday, June 6	5 th		\$100,000	Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes	4&cup	5 F	Turf
Downs After Dark Presented By Budweiser							
Saturday, June 13	44 th	III	\$125,000	Old Forester Mint Julep	4&cup f/m	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 20	1 st		\$150,000	Limousine Liberal	3yo	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 20	11 th		\$100,000	Roxelana Overnight Stakes	3&cup f/m	6 F	Dirt
Friday, June 26	11 th		\$100,000	Kelly's Landing Overnight Stakes	3&cup	7 F	Dirt
Stephen Foster Day / Closing Day							
Seven stakes races cumulatively worth \$1.85 million							
Saturday, June 27	39 th	II	\$700,000	Stephen Foster	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 27	45 th	II	\$300,000	Fleur de Lis	4&cup f/m	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 27	31 st	II	\$300,000	Wise Dan	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 27	119 th	III	\$125,000	Bashford Manor	2yo	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 27	120 th	Listed	\$125,000	Debutante	2yo f	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 27	1 st		\$150,000	War Chant	3yo	1 M	Turf
Saturday, June 27	1 st		\$150,000	Tepin	3yo f	1 M	Turf